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SUBJECT: EASTERN DEMARCHES ON RFE/RL

1. FONOFF (VON GROLL) HAS TOLD US THAT BOTH HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE MADE DEMARCHES TO THE FRG REGARDING RFE/RL. THE HUNGARIAN DEMARCHE WAS MADE IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DELIVERED IN BUDAPEST WHICH TREATED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. IT STATED THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE RADIOS ON FRG TERRITORY IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT, AS ARE THE RADIOS' BROADCASTS THEMSELVES. THE CZECH APPROACH, WHICH WAS ALONG THE SAME LINES, WAS MADE IN BONN DURING BILATERAL CSCE CONSULTATIONS, DECEMBER 8 AND 9 (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. VON GROLL SAID THAT THE FRG DOES NOT ATTACH TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THESE DEMARCHES AND USED STANDARD LANGUAGE IN REPLYING. HE POINTS TO THE FACT THAT THE
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HUNGARIANS MADE THEIR APPROACH IN BUDAPEST (VERSUS

BONN), AND THAT THE CZECHS MADE THEIRS ORALLY, AS SIGNS THAT THE DEMARCHES ON THE RADIOS ARE PRO FORMA, RATHER THAN MADE IN THE EXPECTATION THAT ANYTHING WILL COME OF THEM.

3. VON GROLL REPORTS THAT OTHER EC MEMBERS RECEIVED NOTES FROM THE HUNGARIANS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, BUT ONLY THE NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE FRG MENTIONED RFE/RL. HE ANTICIPATES A FURTHER APPROACH ON THE RADIOS THIS WEEK DURING SCHEDULED CSCE CONSULTATIONS IN SOFIA. HE ALSO EXPECTS THE HUNGARIANS TO RETURN TO THIS THEME IN JANUARY, WHEN CONSULTATIONS ON THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL ARE SCHEDULED.
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